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British Guiana: [A desperate last-minute campaign effort by Jagan's People's Progressive Party (PPP) ensures that the general election on Monday will be very close.]

[redacted] the PPP is spending almost all of the \$500,000 budgeted for the campaign on an extensive house-to-house canvass aimed at reaching all East Indians and many Negroes. As an intimidation tactic, the PPP is threatening that it can ascertain how a person voted. This may keep many East Indians in line.]

[Some violence is possible on election day. The PPP may well try to keep presumed opposition voters from the polls, but British troops will be in evidence to try to assure voters that protection is available.]

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[redacted] US consular officials in Georgetown agree that no party will obtain a majority of the 53 seats under the new proportional representation system. The PPP is expected to win a plurality and Forbes Burnham's People's National Congress (PNC) to come in second, but both may drop below their 1961 showing of about 43 and 41 percent, respectively.]

[The PPP is unlikely to be able to form a government because of the unwillingness of the opposition parties to enter a coalition with it. The PNC may try to form a government by itself, but it is likely to fail and be obliged to seek a coalition. A coalition will be difficult to form in view of Burnham's recent moves which have antagonized the prospective partners.] [redacted]

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Ceylon: The Bandaranaike government is threatened by the possible defection of moderate members of the coalition.

Some 15 or more disgruntled members of Mrs. Bandaranaike's own party reportedly disapprove of the government's press control proposals and the expansion of Marxist influence in the government. A vote of confidence is scheduled for today or tomorrow. Mrs. Bandaranaike's parliamentary majority is about five.

The threat from the dissidents is somewhat reduced by their lack of coherence and leadership and their natural caution. They have failed to carry out several previous threats to bolt the party. Nevertheless, the unprecedented popular disapproval of the government's press bills may embolden them to act this time.

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*Argentina: Brazilian authorities forced ex-dictator Peron to leave Rio de Janeiro for Madrid last night. Argentina remains calm with security measures still in force. The armed forces and police are supporting the government and would move swiftly against any demonstrations staged in support of Peron at this time. Leaders of the Peronist-dominated General Confederation of Labor reportedly met in secret session yesterday, but no decisions have been announced on possible courses of action. [REDACTED]

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